# The San Francisco Smaller Apartment Building Market 



2-4 Unit Multi-Family Buildings
Focusing Mostly on San Francisco County

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## San Francisco 2-4 Residential Unit Buildings

Year-over-Year Comparisons: Selected Annual Market Indicators

| Statistic | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 Units: Median Sales Price | \$1,795,000 | \$1,820,000 | \$1,900,000 | \$1,900,000 |
| 2 Units: Avg. \$/Sq.Ft. | \$697/sq.ft. | \$716 | \$791 | \$779 |
| 2- Units: Avg. Days on Mkt | 43 days | 41 | 34 | 39 |
| 2-Units: Sales Price to Orig. LP \% | 106\% | 108\% | 103\% | 104\% |
| 2-Units: \# of Sales | 224 | 245 | 256 | 228 |
| 3-4 Units: Median Sales Price | \$1,850,000 | \$2,050,000 | \$2,156,000 | \$2,200,000 |
| 3-4 Units: Avg. \$/Sq.Ft. | \$541/sq.ft. | \$589 | \$617 | \$637 |
| 3-4 Units: Average Days on Market | 55 days | 53 | 51 | 53 |
| 3-4 Units: Sales Price to Orig. LP \% | 103\% | 103\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| 3-4 Units: \# of Sales | 122 | 133 | 120 | 126 |

[^0] contain errors and subject to revision. 2019 sales are estimates using data available in early 2020: Late reported sales may

COMPASS alter these numbers. All numbers are approximate. Not all sales are reported to MLS.

## 2-4 Unit Residential Building Values

## 2019 Median Sales Prices \& Average Dollar per Square Foot

Sales reported to MLS

| San Francisco District or County | 2-Unit Buildings | 3-Unit Buildings | 4-Unit Buildings |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pacific \& Presidio Heights, Cow Hollow \& Marina (District 7) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,000,000- \\ & \$ 999 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 4,259,000- \\ & \$ 1013 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,035,000- \\ & \$ 725 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Russian, Nob \& Telegraph Hills; North Beach (District 8) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,400,000- \\ & \$ 949 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,525,000- \\ & \$ 673 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,250,000- \\ & \$ 541 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Noe, Eureka \& Cole Valleys; Ashbury \& Corona Heights; Mission Dolores (D5) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,210,000- \\ & \$ 897 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,200,000- \\ & \$ 694 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,200,000- \\ & \$ 647 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ |
| North of Panhandle (NoPa), Alamo Square, Hayes Valley, Lower Pacific Heights (D6) | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,975,000- \\ & \$ 757 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$2,200,000 - } \\ & \$ 617 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | Not enough sales for analysis |
| Lake Street, Richmond District, Lone Mountain, Jordan Park (District 1) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,990,000 - } \\ & \$ 675 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$2,200,000 - } \\ & \$ 608 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$2,142,500- } \\ & \$ 531 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Potrero Hill, Bernal Heights, Inner Mission, South of Market (District 9) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,650,000- } \\ & \$ 713 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,778,000- } \\ & \$ 541 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,884,000- } \\ & \$ 659 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ |
| Sunset, Parkside (District 2) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,495,000 - } \\ & \$ 662 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | Not enough sales for analysis | Not enough sales for analysis |
| Bayview-Excelsior-Visitacion Valley (District 10) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \$1,140,000- } \\ & \$ 481 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | Not enough sales for analysis | Not enough sales for analysis |
| Alameda County | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 885,000 \text { - } \\ & \$ 458 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,065,000- \\ & \$ 390 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \$1,075,000 - } \\ \$ 367 / \text { sq.ft. } \end{gathered}$ |

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## 2-4 Unit Residential Property Sales

2019 Sales, by San Francisco Realtor District


## San Francisco 2-4 Unit Residential Building Market 2019 Sales by Price Segment



Median Sales Price Trends since 2011 in Thousands of Dollars
2-4 Unit Residential: San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda Counties


## Average Dollar per Square Foot Values since 2011

2-4 Unit Residential Buildings: San Francisco \& Alameda Counties


Average Days on Market until Acceptance of Offer San Francisco Multi-Unit Residential Sales since 2010


## \% of Sales Selling Within 30 Days of Coming on Market

San Francisco Multi-Unit Residential Sales since 2010

■ SF 2 Unit Buildings
© SF 3-4 Unit Buildings


The selling period refers to the time between a listing coming on market and accepting an offer. These analyses were performed in good faith with data derived from sources deemed reliable, but may contain errors and are

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San Francisco Residential 2-4 Unit Building Sales


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San Francisco 2-4 Unit Building Market Dynamics
Seasonality: Active Listings on Market within Month


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## San Francisco 2-4 Unit Building Market Dynamics

Seasonality: Unit Building Sales by Month


## San Francisco 2-4 Unit Building Market

Unit Sales, 2015 - Present, by Quarter


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## San Francisco Multi-Unit Residential Pricing Analysis

Sales of 2-4 Unit Buildings, With \& Without Price Reductions

■ 2-4 Unit Buildings: 1+ Price Reductions


The sales price to list price and days on market analyses were based upon 3 years of sales through Q1 2019, averaging Broker Metrics quarterly data. The dollar per square foot analysis was based on an analysis of 12 months sales ending $6 / 21 / 19$. Data from sources deemed reliable, but may contain errors and subject to revision. All numbers are approximate.

## San Francisco Residential Rents - Estimated

Weighted Average Asking Rent, Q1 Data Points, 1994 - Present


## Estimated Median List Apartment Rents

Bay Area Counties since 2011

Data per Zillow Research, 5+ unit buildings through November 2019


Per Zillow rental data by month: https://www.zillow.com/research/data/\#rental-data. Data from sources
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## Median List Rental Price per Square Foot

San Francisco, Santa Clara, Alameda Counties since 2010
Data per Zillow Research, 5+ unit buildings


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Median List Rent per Square Foot
Selected Bay Area Counties


From Zillow Research, May-August 2019 monthly average: https://www.zillow.com/research/data/\#rental-data.
Data from sources deemed reliable, but may contain errors and is subject to revision. Unit size and quality may vary by county. All numbers should be considered approximations.

## San Francisco Median List Rents

by Unit Size (Bedroom Count) since 2012

Data per Zillow Research through August 2019


Per Zillow Research, median list rental data by month: https://www.zillow.com/research/data/\#rental-data . Data

Ebbs \& Flows in SF Housing Construction
New-Construction Housing Units Completed by Year


Alameda County 2-4 Unit Building Market
Average Dollar per Square Foot Values \& Median Sales Prices


Sales reported to MLS. These values are generalities reflecting sales of a wide variety of buildings in locations of differing values. Data from sources deemed reliable, but may contain errors and subject to revision. All numbers

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Sonoma County 2-4 Unit Building Market
Average Dollar per Square Foot Values \& Median Sales Prices


San Mateo County 2-4 Unit Building Market
Annual Sales Volume \& Median Sales Prices


Santa Clara County 2-4 Unit Building Market
Annual Sales Volume \& Median Sales Prices


## Marin County 2-4 Unit Building Market

Average Dollar per Square Foot Values \& Median Sales Prices


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The charts following will not be updated until the Q1 2020 Report, though the data is still pertinent to the market.

## Average Days on Market

San Francisco 2-4 Unit Buildings, by Quarter
Based upon MLS activity, per Broker Metrics


Sales Price to Original List Price Percentage
San Francisco 2-4 Unit Buildings, by Quarter

Based upon MLS activity per Broker Metrics

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## Percentage of Listings Accepting Offers

San Francisco 2-4 Unit Building Market
Based upon MLS activity; per


San Francisco 2-4 Unit Building Market Dynamics
Seasonality: New Listings Coming on Market


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San Francisco Apartment Building Market: 2-4 Units
Listings Accepting Offers within Quarter
2-4 unit buildings, MLS listing activity, per Broker Metrics.


San Francisco Residential Rents
Average Asking Rents vs. Rents under Rent Control

Estimates per RealFacts LLC, Zillow
Research and the SF Rent Board


* $1^{\text {st }}$ quarter market-rate average asking rents using RealFacts LLC for 50+ unit buildings and Zillow Research data; 2019 Q1 market rent estimated based on late 2018 data. ** Rent increases from 2010 per SF Rent Board annual allowable rent increase percentages; 2019 figure incorporates $3 / 1 / 19$ allowable rent increase. Data from sources deemed reliable but may contain errors and subject to revision. Numbers to be considered very approximate


## San Francisco 2-Unit Building Prices

Quarterly fluctuations are common. Longer-term trends are more meaningful than short-term changes.



## San Francisco Residential 2-4 Unit Buildings

## San Francisco Multi-Unit Residential Building Market 2018 Sales Review by Unit Count



Note that the quantity of sales in any given local submarket is usually relatively small and/or the number of sales that report the necessary financial information can be limited. Buildings of different ages, qualities and sizes selling in different periods can cause these average and median figures to fluctuate significantly. Furthermore, the reliability of some of these calculations depends upon the quality of the income and expense figures provided by the listing agents, and sometimes instead of actual numbers, much less meaningful projected or scheduled figures are used. Therefore, the above statistics should be considered very general indicators, and how they apply to any particular property without a specific comparative market analysis is unknown. If you would like such a specific analysis, please contact me.

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